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Cloud Technology

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up cloud technology for Good Governance; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps initiated by Government in this regard?

Answer

(a): Government of India has already embarked upon the Cloud Computing initiative known by the name GI Cloud (MeghRaj) which can be utilized for delivering good governance.

(b): As part of GI Cloud, Government of India has published two reports specifying the strategic direction and implementation roadmap for Cloud Computing initiative.

The Government of India has already set up one National Cloud which is being run by NIC (<https://cloud.gov.in/>). As of now more than 250 Government Departments/Entities are availing the National Cloud services.

Government of India is also in the process of provisional accreditation of the cloud service offerings of private Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) that the end-user departments can leverage in addition to the National Cloud services offered by NIC for their e-Governance solutions. In this regard, an RFP is being finalized in consultation with the industry and is proposed to be published in due time.
